



Commencement - Winter 2009

Fifty-third Commencement

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Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

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Fifty-third Commencement

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation Dr. Glenn Coltharp
*Interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University*

Welcome Dr. Bruce W. Speck
President, Missouri Southern State University

Introduction of Commencement Speaker Dr. Bruce W. Speck

Commencement Speaker Dr. Eugene Langevin, D.O.
Joplin Physician and Cardiologist

Presentation of Class Dr. Brad Kleindl
*Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Dean, Robert W. Plaster School of Business Administration, Missouri Southern State University*

Conferring of Degrees Dr. Bruce W. Speck

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks Dr. Roger Chelf
President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors Dr. Brad Kleindl

Turning of the Tassel Mrs. Linda Dean, '78
President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors

MSSU Alma Mater (See page 13) Nichole M. Gust
Music Vocal Performance major, Joplin
Ashley Marie (Carey) Smith
Vocal Music Education major, Lee's Summit

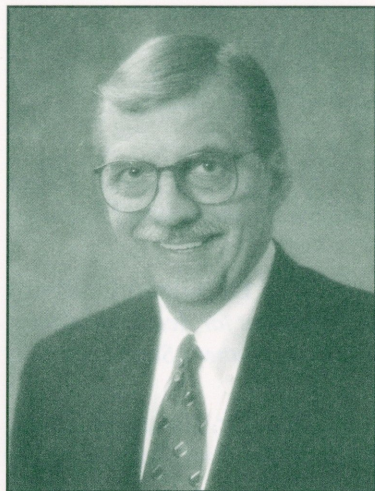
Benediction Dr. Glenn Coltharp

Recessional "Sine Nomine" R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter Mrs. Mary Zustiak

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones.

The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. for your convenience.



About the Speaker

Eugene E. Langevin, D.O., Joplin area physician and cardiologist, a native of Joplin, Dr. Langevin is a graduate of Joplin Junior College (now Missouri Southern State University) and the University of Missouri at Kansas City Pharmacy School. He graduated from the University of Health Science Center with a Doctor of Osteopathy degree.

Dr. Langevin interned and completed a Residency at the Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital. He completed a Fellowship in Cardiology at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center.

Dr. Langevin is certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Osteopathic Internal Medicine. He is a Fellow in Internal Medicine and a Fellow in Cardiology from the American College and has an EKG Certification from the American College of Cardiology.

He is certified in Interventional Cardiology and is a Master Fellow in the American College of Osteopathic Internists.

He was named an Outstanding Alumnus in 1987. Dr. Langevin conducted a General Practice in Galena, Kan. and Joplin from 1971-75 and Cardiology Practice in Joplin from 1977 to the present. Freeman Health Systems named him Medical Teacher of the Year for 2007 and 2009. Dr. Langevin and his wife, Judy, are residents of Joplin.



Points of Pride

In Our Faculty ...

In the Social Sciences Department 13 published authors teach, three of whom have authored books, including one of the top textbooks on collective behavior from the #1 textbook publisher in the U.S. The textbook is used at universities around the world. The department includes a Rhodes Scholar, five professors who have won Outstanding Teaching Awards, 13 Ph.D.s and two licensed attorneys.

In Our Programs ...

For the 9th consecutive year MSSU's Radiologic Technology program students recorded 100% first-time passage on the national board exams.

In Our Athletics ...

Missouri Southern men's and women's cross country coaches Tom Rutledge and Patty Vavra, fresh off a sweep of this year's MIAA Championships, were named MIAA Cross Country Coaches of the Year. The Missouri Southern men's and women's cross country teams swept the 2009 NCAA Division II South Central Regionals – the third in a row for the women, and the second title in the last three years for the men.

In Our Graduates ...

- Dr. Elizabeth Barlet, M.D., '84, Biology, is now an OBGYN at McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital, Carthage;
- Mr. Larry Thimmesch, '05, Graphic Design, went on to earn a Master's Degree in Business and is now Bombardier Aerospace's program director for its new Learjet 85 business jet;
- Katherine Raum, '02, Sociology (Minor in French), completed two-years with the Peace Corps in Tanzania, working on initiatives related to HIV/AIDS education and public health. In 2011, she will enter the Juris Doctor/Master of Public Service degree program at the Clinton School and the Bowen School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Baxter, Jennifer A. ‡
Forbes, Rita Marie †
Heiskell, Stacy Ann ‡

Moser, Hayley Nicole
Moss, Stephanie Kathryn
Ransom, Allyson Panetta

Roby, Trent Lance
Roughton, Aspen L.
Shipman, Anthony Reed ‡

Thomas, Jeremy David †
Wostal, Holly Ann †
Wright, Karma M.

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Boles, Crystal Dawn
Fazio, Jr., Tom Vincent
Ford, Emily N.

Hickman-Baker, Matthew
Horner, Angela Marie
Jones, Joy D.

Martin, Michelle Ryan
McGee, Amanda Lee
Reed, Jamie Kay

Schrage, Kyle Anthony
Zuppan, Alexandria Ellie

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡
Booher, Kathryn Ann
Cox, Graham Devon
Davis, Kristine Costello
Green, Danra Kayette
Hatcher, Christine Renee

Heisler, Megan Racheal
Hohenfeldt, Renea Nicole
Huston, Paul E.
Kennedy, Pazia Raeann
Mullenax, Brandi Lynn

Norton, Kaitlin E.
Obert, Amber Marie
Ogunsola, Ayodeji Adedapo
Randolph, Levi Cole
Reeve, DeAun Sue

Russell, Ashlee Jordan ‡
Schubert, Shauna Renee
Stone, Amber M.
Wenzel, Kathryn Elaine
Wright, Holly Ann
Youngs, Stephen Mark

Associate Degrees

First Honors • Grade point average 3.90 or above

Moss, Stephanie Kathryn

Roby, Trent Lance

Thomas, Jeremy David †

Second Honors • Grade point average 3.80-3.89

Jones, Joy D.

Schrage, Kyle Anthony

Third Honors • Grade point average 3.70-3.79

Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡

Ogunsola, Ayodeji Adedapo

Schubert, Shauna Renee

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Amann, Kelsey Laree
Theatre
Galena, KS

Grau, Beverly Arlene
International Studies
Guatemala

Mallory, Alexis Michelle
Communication
Horsham, PA

Richardson, JaVan LaTrice
Communication
St. Louis

Baker, Montero Shorntae
Art
Columbus, MS

Gray, Danna Sue
Art
Lee's Summit

Marlett, Brandon David
Chemistry
Pueblo, CO

Roberds, Rachel K.
Communication
Webb City

Baugh, Cherie Telayne
Communication
Joplin

Gust, Nichole Marie
Music
Joplin

Monroe, Kenneth Matthew
Communication
North Little Rock, AR

Ryan, Stephanie Lynne
Communication
Galena, KS

Blacksher, Sarah Jane
History
Springfield

Heiskell, Stacy Ann ‡
English
Neosho

Norton, Kaitlin E.
Sociology
Joplin

Scofield, Serena Soledad
Spanish
Carthage

Cartwright, Justin Lee
Art
Bella Vista, AR

Heisler, Megan Racheal
Art
Neosho

Oberdick, Heather Michele
German, English
Independence

Shipman, Anthony Reed ‡
English, Spanish
Diamond

Curtice, Travis Benjamin
Art
Joplin

Hickman-Baker, Matthew Donald
Spanish
Edna, KS

Pham, Patricia Thi
Communication
Joplin

Sutton, Jessica Lynne
History
Drexel

Dennis, Trey Taylor
Communication
Pineville

Johnson, Malore Lynnette
Sociology
Bella Vista, AR

Randolph, Levi Cole
Music
Joplin

Thompson, Crystal Faith
English
Grove, OK

Forbes, Rita Marie †
German, Communication
Pleasant Hill

Lafferty, K. Colleen
English
Joplin

Ransom, Allyson Panetta
French, History
Gravette, AR

Tripp, Allison Renee
Spanish
Webb City

Bachelor of Science

Aleshire, Chase Andrew
Mathematics
Joplin

Chitsazan, Nahal
Communications
Cave Springs, AR

Davis, Kristine Costello
Sociology
Noel

Doughty, Jamie Melissa
Biology
Rich Hill

Bush, Crystal
Biology
Albany, GA

Cope, Erica D.
Sociology
Joplin

Davis, Nicholas Allen
Biology
Neosho

Dowell, Nathan Aaron
BioChemistry
Carl Junction

Gilleland, Alesha Irene

Sociology
Joplin

Hendren, Madolyn Gay

Communication
Joplin

Houlihan, Samantha Jo

Biology
Joplin

Howard, Stephanie Elaine

Communication
Joplin

Howe, Heather Nicole

Biology
Dewitt, AR

Kane, Alicia Jordan

Chemistry
Carl Junction

Karel, Alyssa Wylene

Communication
Bentonville, AR

Lewis, John Andrew

Environmental Health
Joplin

Manley, Erin D.

Biology
Loma Linda

Martin, Michelle Ryan

Biology
Neosho

McDaniel, Samuel Adam

Sociology
Ponca City, OK

Murphy, Isaac Ray

Biology
Webb City

Neidert, Teara Sue

Sociology
Purdy

Reed, Jamie Kay

Biology
Joplin

Russell, Ashlee Jordan ‡

Communication
Ponce de Leon

Shanks, Tosha Nichole

Communication
Ash Grove

Stinnett, Jeremy Jason

Biology
Joplin

Stone, Amber M.

Biology
Joplin

Strait, Tristian E.

Environmental Health
Carthage

Thorn, Cody Weston

Communication
Joplin

Tyurikov, Ilya A.

Biology
Joplin

Vaughn, Samantha Jane

Biology
Joplin

Whitenburg, Jay Durin

Biology
Joplin

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Aleshire, Alicia Nicole

General Business
Joplin

Badgley, Cheri Lynn

Accounting
Webb City

Ballard, James Matthew

*Finance/Economics-Personal Financial
Planning*
Carl Junction

Baumann, Jonathan Matthew

General Business
Webb City

Baxter, Jennifer A. ‡

International Business
Owasso, OK

Beard, Tiffany Michelle

*Accounting, Finance/Economics-
Certified Financial Management*
Asbury

Bearkheimer, John Andrew

Marketing
Harrisonville, MO

Beasley, Cheryl

Management
Webb City

Bichara, Charbel Paul Davou

International Business, Marketing
Joplin

Bishop, Kristen Leigh

Management
Joplin

Blaxton, Garland Malachi Sims

Management, International Business
Joplin

Booth, Ryan

Accounting
Anderson

Branham, Lesa Jeanette

Accounting
Joplin

Brawner, Jared Michael

*Management, Finance/Economics-
Chartered Financial Analyst*
Kirkville

Brown, Sarah Lynn

Accounting
Joplin

Budnick, Meagan Elizabeth

Marketing
Ballwin

Castor, Letisha Lorraine

Accounting
Carthage

Childs, Andrea Lane

Accounting
Silver Lake, KS

Clark, Richard David

Management
Neosho

Coble, James William

General Business
Galena, KS

Coffman, Savanah Leigh

Accounting
Nevada

Darr, Callie J.

Marketing
Quapaw, OK

Davidson, Daniel Richard

Management
Neosho

Dearing, Brock Adam

Management
Liberal

Doty, Jana Renee

Accounting
Joplin

Dycus, Alison LeAnn

Accounting
Webb City

Ellis, Joel Andrew

Accounting
Joplin

Fazio, Jr., Tom Vincent

Accounting
Webb City

Ford, Emily N.

Management
Joplin

Greek, Adam Lee

General Business
Webb City

Hamilton, Gail Rane

General Business
Lamar

Harrington, India Leigh

Management
Portageville

Hauser, Brock Harold

Accounting, Finance/Economics-Certified Financial Management
Wyandotte, OK

Hohenfeldt, Renea Nicole

Accounting
Alba, MO

Hosfelt, Stephanie LouAnn

Finance/Economics-Personal Finance
Riverton, KS

Huston, Paul E.

Marketing
Carthage

Johnston, Tara Marie

International Business
Joplin

Keller, Jamie Nicole

Marketing, Management
Oronogo

Kelley, Jason Ray

Management
Carl Junction

Kelly, Casey Rene

Accounting
Joplin

King, David Lynere

Accounting
Webb City

Ko, Tatsuya

Management
Amagasaki, Hyogo, Japan

L'Hommedieu, Shelby Renee

Marketing
Joplin

Mason, Jessica Lynn

Marketing
Joplin

Matthews, Jeremy Wayne

General Business
Galena, KS

McAuliff, Brian Patrick

Marketing
Joplin

McClellan, Deric James

General Business
Carthage

McGee, Amanda Lee

Management
Joplin

McGee, Katelyn Michelle

General Business
Neosho

McManis, Brista Diane

Management
Lamar

Mullenax, Brandi Lynn

Marketing
Joplin

Newcom, Tamara L.

Accounting
Lincoln, KS

Parks, Shane Paul

Marketing
Carl Junction

Parsons, Ben David

Accounting
Joplin

Piley, Dean Allen

Management
Joplin

Pippin, Meggie Cazzina

Management, Marketing
Carl Junction

Qualls, Ashley Rae

Management
Galena, KS

Rich, Heather Cathleen

Management
Goodman

Roberson, Scott Thomas

Finance/Economics-Certified Financial Analyst
Bentonville, AR

Robertson, Latoyia Brittany

Accounting
Oronogo

Saba, Sheila Marie

General Business
Springfield

Sarver, Eric Michael

Accounting
Bartlesville, OK

Schmidt, Stephanie Marie

Marketing
Monett

Shockley, Joy Leah

Management
Fair Grove

Smith, Briana Rene Kent

General Business
Webb City

Stephens, Christopher W.

Accounting
Cassville

Verfurth, Ryan Joseph

Marketing
Billings

Watts, Laura C.

Management
Webb City

Wilkerson, Whitney Marie
Management
Carl Junction

Withers, Matthew Grant
Management
Webb City

Word, Dillon Thomas
Management, General Business
Joplin

Wostal, Holly Ann †
Accounting
Joplin

Wright, Karma M.
Management
Chanute, KS

Youngs, Stephen Mark
Management
Oronogo

Zuppan, Alexandria Ellie
*Finance/Economics-Personal Financial
Planning*
Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Powell, Tim J.
Management Technology
Joplin

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Hankins, Kimberly G.
Psychology
Carl Junction

Lieneman, Robin Lee
Psychology
Carthage

Bachelor of Science

Bagby, Robert William
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Black, George
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Brundige, Melissa Ann
Psychology
Nevada

Buzzard, Anya lone
Psychology
Lamar

Green, Derik Paul
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Hendrix, Meschelle Renea
Psychology
Joplin

Horner, Angela Marie
Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Kennedy, Pazia Raeann
Psychology
Aurora

Mitchell, Jessica Ann
Psychology
Joplin

Osborne, Timothy C.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Carthage

Patton, Alyssa Ann
Psychology
Lee's Summit

Umpenhour, Kyle Alfred
Psychology
Joplin

Wise II, Ronald Rena
Health Promotion and Wellness
Tulsa, OK

Bachelor of Science in Education

August, Christopher Jay
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Gravette, AR

Babb, Melinda Kay
Elementary Education
Neosho

Barratt, Trent Alan
Secondary Education-Social Studies
Granby

Bartholet, Elizabeth Ann
Secondary Education-Instrumental
Joplin

Bass, Kari Lee
Middle School Education-Math/Social
Studies
Monett

Basye, Isaiah C.
Elementary Education
Oronogo

Bechtel, Donald Lee
Middle School Education-Industrial
Technology/Social Studies
Joplin

Bennett, Gary Don
Secondary Education-Social Science/
History
Goodman

Boles, Crystal Dawn
Elementary Education
Eagle Rock

Booher, Kathryn Ann
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Bradley, Michelle Susan
Elementary Education
Duenweg

Brusca, Matthew R.
Secondary Education-Music
Joplin

Burt, Troy M.
Secondary Education-Art
Diamond

Carey, Ashley Marie
Secondary Education-Vocal
Webb City

Carnes, Melanie Lauren
Secondary Education-Business
Miami, OK

Cottrell-Leary, Tiffany Anne
Elementary Education
Baxter Springs, KS

Cox, Cheryl Ann
Elementary Education
Jasper

Cox, Graham Devon
Secondary Education-English
Joplin

Craig, Cyndi Renee
Elementary Education
Carthage

Del Prato, Jessica Marie
Elementary Education
Webb City

England, Christopher R.
Elementary Education
Miami, OK

Equihua, Paul P.
Secondary Education-Instrumental
Joplin

Fisher, LaHeather Nicole Ashby
Secondary Education-Unified Science
Webb City

Fuller, Jennifer J.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Garland, Lisa A.
Secondary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Houston, Matthew Dean
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Joplin

Jones, Kirk Wayne
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Carthage

Klier, Ashley Lynne
Middle School Education-Math/Social
Studies
Neosho

Murphy, Megan Marie
Elementary Education
Nevada

Obert, Amber Marie
Elementary Education
Lamar

Reeve, DeAun Sue
Elementary Education
Duenweg

Roughton, Aspen L.
Elementary Education
Jasper

Schwaninger, Sallie Anne
Elementary Education
Asbury

Stehm, Shea Kelcey
Secondary Education-Physical Education
Joplin

Stewart, Deana Michele
Secondary Education-Unified Science
Neosho

Trimble, Gina Lee
Elementary Education
Joplin

Vice, Christina Ellen
Secondary Education-Unified Science
Duenweg

Whitehead, Gabriel C.
Middle School Education-Speech &
Theater/Science
Ash Grove

Woods, Patricia Lee
Secondary Education-Unified Science
Joplin

Wright, Holly Ann
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Zeuschner, Jamie Nicole
Elementary Education
Joplin

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡

Criminal Justice Administration
Lenexa, KS

Barley, Brad Lee

Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Braker, Trent A.

Criminal Justice Administration
Iantha

Brunner, Shaun M.

CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Cason, Oun'Janiese Lavonne

Criminal Justice Administration
Kansas City

Childers, Derick Conn

Criminal Justice Administration
Grove Spring

Comstedt, Rebecca Gail

Health Science
Frederick, CO

Donat, India Teal

Criminal Justice Administration
Cedarcreek

Estes, Ryan David

Criminal Justice Administration
Clever

Friend, Jason Paul

Industrial Engineering Technology
Sarcoxie

Green, Danra Kayette

Medical Technology
Quapaw, OK

Hay, Sydney Marie

Criminal Justice Administration
Lehi, UT

Jones, Joy D.

Criminal Justice Administration
Miami, OK

Long, Travis Alan

CIS-Information Technology
Neosho

Lundine, Jesse Lee-Ellen

Criminal Justice Administration
Humboldt, KS

Martin, E. Melissa F.

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Mathew, Ericson Robert

Criminal Justice Administration
Seneca

McKee, Monica Marie

Health Science
Carthage

Miller, Chelsie Kae

Criminal Justice Administration
Seneca

Moss, Stephanie Kathryn

Criminal Justice Administration
Mindenmines

Ogunsola, Ayodeji Adedapo

CIS-Information Technology
Sanga Ota, Nigeria

Outhouse, Alicia Lynn

Criminal Justice Administration
Seligman

Pracht, Ericka Marie

Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Roby, Trent Lance

CIS-Information Technology
Lamar

Schippers, Amanda Renae

Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Schrage, Kyle Anthony

Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Schubert, Shauna Renee

Criminal Justice Administration
Imperial

Terhune, Mallory Elizabeth

Criminal Justice Administration
Lockwood

Thomas, Jeremy David †

CIS-Information Technology
Carthage

Thompson, Trevor Lee

Industrial Engineering Technology
Springfield

Thornburg, Tasha Ann

Criminal Justice Administration
Rich Hill

Titsworth, Stanley Joe

Criminal Justice Administration
Tulsa, OK

Ward, Tracy Don

Criminal Justice Administration
Purcell, MO

West, Sarah Nichole

Health Science
Carthage

Wilkerson, Clint Alan

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Witt, Douglas John

Criminal Justice Administration
Pierce City

Wright, Derek Matthew

Criminal Justice Administration
Ozark

Bachelor of General Studies

Alexander, Laci Dawn

General Studies
Lockwood

Jones, Eric Micheal

General Studies
Webb City

Nunn, Carolyn M.

General Studies
Dripping Springs, TX

Rust, Kent A.

General Studies
Mt. Vernon

Balfour, Jonathan Edward

General Studies
Joplin

Kirkland, Seth Robert

General Studies
Joplin

Parks, Michelle Nicole

General Studies
Windsor

Segal, Nicole Ruth

General Studies
Joplin

Forest, Weaver L.

General Studies
Verona

Lawson, Cheryl Anne

General Studies
Neosho

Penny, Virginia Marie

General Studies
Pineville

Simmons, Jeff L.

General Studies
Carthage

Gaskill, Jason Hemphill

General Studies
Joplin

Ligon, Gary J.

General Studies
Columbus, KS

Perkins, Jason Craig

General Studies
Joplin

Wenzel, Kathryn Elaine

General Studies
Quapaw, OK

Hatcher, Christine Renee

General Studies
Carthage

Miles, Jr., Kenneth L.

General Studies
Olathe, KS

Perkins, Karleigh L.

General Studies
Parson, KS

Wheeler, Christopher John

General Studies
Joplin

Henderson, Mark A.

General Studies
Slidell, LA

Moser, Hayley Nicole

General Studies
Joplin

Ray, Christian Marie

General Studies
Baxter Springs, KS

Williams, Stefanie Fae

General Studies
Kansas City

Hood, Tyler Lee

General Studies
Alba

Nesbitt, Aaron Robert

General Studies
Springfield

Robbins, Justin Brian

General Studies
Springfield

Associate of Science

Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡

Law Enforcement
Lenexa, KS

Braker, Trent A.

Law Enforcement
Iantha

Brunner, Shaun M.

CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Childers, Derick Conn

Law Enforcement
Grove Spring

Donat, India Teal

Law Enforcement
Cedar creek

Estes, Ryan David

Law Enforcement
Clever

Ewing, Braden Evan

CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Friend, Jason Paul

Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology
Sarcoxie

Gerbitz, Satia LeAnn

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Jones, Georgia Lee

Dental Hygiene
Belle

Jones, Joy D.

Law Enforcement
Miami, OK

Landis, Jared Michael

CADD-Engineering Technology
Oronogo

Long, Travis Alan

CIS-Information Systems
Neosho

Lowe, Kristin Whitney

Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology
Joplin

Lundine, Jesse Lee-Ellen

Law Enforcement
Humboldt, KS

Martin, E. Melissa F.

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Mathew, Ericson Robert

Law Enforcement
Seneca

McDowell, Donald Bryan

Law Enforcement
Oronogo

Miller, Chelsie Kae

Law Enforcement
Seneca

Moss, Stephanie Kathryn

Law Enforcement
Mindenmines

Ogunsola, Ayodeji Adedapo

CIS-Information Systems
Sanga Ota, Nigeria

Outhouse, Alicia Lynn

Law Enforcement
Seligman

Pracht, Ericka Marie

Law Enforcement
Carl Junction

Roby, Trent Lance

CIS-Information Systems
Lamar

Schippers, Amanda Renae

Law Enforcement
Webb City

Schmoranz, Harold Nicholas

CIS-Information Systems
Lamar

Schmoranz, Rodney A.

CIS-Information Systems
Lamar

Schrage, Kyle Anthony

Law Enforcement
Carl Junction

Schubert, Shauna Renee

Law Enforcement
Imperial

Terhune, Mallory Elizabeth

Law Enforcement
Lockwood

Thomas, Jeremy David † CIS-

Information Systems
Carthage

Thornburg, Tasha Ann

Law Enforcement
Rich Hill

Ward, Tracy Don

Law Enforcement
Purcell

Westerhold, Joshua Roy

Law Enforcement
Richards

Wilkerson, Clint Alan

Law Enforcement
Carthage

Witt, Douglas John

Law Enforcement
Pierce City

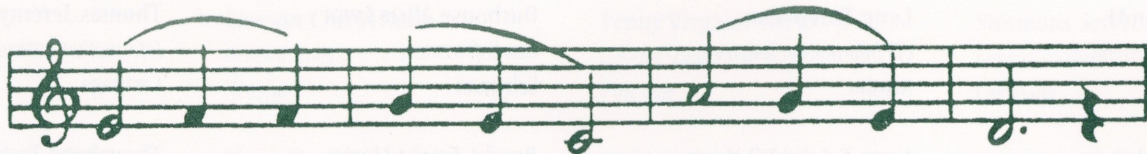
Wright, Derek Matthew

Law Enforcement
Ozark

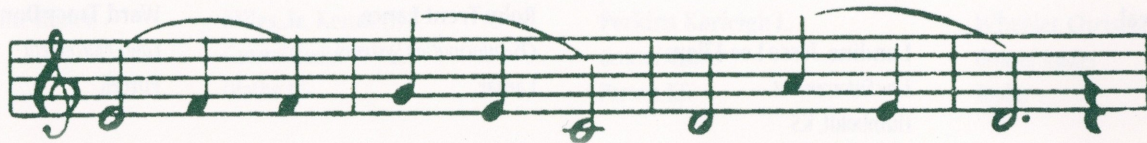
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Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

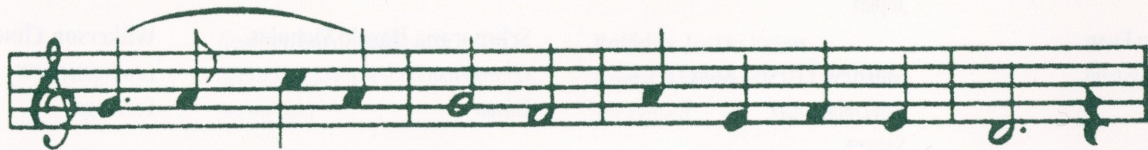
Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of churchorders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in our ceremony are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts
Crimson:	Journalism
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Golden Yellow:	Science
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Pink:	Music
Purple:	Law
Sage Green:	Physical Education
Scarlet:	Theology
White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy



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